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SUBJECT:PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED ON "IF ASKED" BASIS  
FOR DEPARTMENT'S DAILY BRIEFING IN LIGHT OF AP NO. 26  
TODAY FROM HERMOSILLO:

Q. WHAT IS DEPT'S COMMENT ON STORY QUOTING A MEXICAN  
POLICE OFFICIAL THAT THE KIDNAPPERS OF JOHN PATTERSON ARE  
AMERICANS AND THAT THEIR MOTIVE WAS NOT POLITICAL.

A. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE  
KIDNAPPERS. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALL POSSIBLE LEADS  
ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MONEY RATHER THAN ANY  
POLITICAL MOTIVATION AS THE OBJECT OF THE KIDNAPPING?

A. HERE AGAIN, WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION OF THE TOTAL  
OBJECT OF THE KIDNAPPING. AS WE HAVE STATED, MONEY  
WAS DEMANDED.

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2. TO ALL OTHER QUESTIONS: WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED  
ABOUT JOHN PATTERSON'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING, AND WITH  
HIS VITAL INTERESTS IN MIND, WE CAN MAKE NO FURTHER  
COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. RUSH

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